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A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FARM BUREAU SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLAN FOR MULTI- PURPOSE PROJECT.

THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FARM BUREAU DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS
FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Farm Bureau finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the California Farm Bureau policy on the Salton Sea is best met by the Salton Sea Authority Plan in that it retains the Sea as an agricultural sump, utilizes existing water supplies, stabilizes the shoreline, reduces the Sea's salinity, enhances recreational and economic development opportunities, improves the livability of neighboring areas, is cost effective when the \$1-5 billion of restoration are considered, and funds the project from state federal sources and local non-farm sources, and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of the Riverside County Farm Bureau, its members, and those living and working in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys, and



WHEREAS, the Riverside County Farm Bureau formed a committee of members who studied the alternative and concludes that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study, and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any project to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Riverside County Farm Bureau as follows:

1. The Riverside County Farm Bureau hereby supports the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea; and
2. The Riverside County Farm Bureau encourages the State of California and the Department of Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan (State Alternative Plan #7) as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization, and
3. The Riverside County Farm Bureau encourages cities and counties and other entities to join with it in support of the Salton Sea Authority conceptual Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by

_____ this 20th day of March, 2007.

President, Riverside County Farm Bureau